

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2009

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Terry Frosch, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Peetz called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of July 1, 2009. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Nancy Grant asked if the board has decided not to put the minutes in the Shopper Stopper. She also said that she was very pleased with the Sauk Prairie Ambulance when they needed the service. Kathy Crawford of the Baraboo Ambulance brought Troy Snow and Terry Wise of the Baraboo Ambulance Commission. She said that 1 in 4 patients use paramedic calls and she believes the 5% reported in the paper is probably the most critical that have intercepted into the township. Richard Grant said that the Hwy. 78 construction project has been causing problems as they will not let people out and thinks we should send a letter to the construction managers and the governor because of the lack of cooperation at all levels along the projects. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, there was a report from Emergency Management regarding Flood Recovery of 2008 and additional information from Baraboo Ambulance. **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber provided reports on regarding the Clerk's Institute; Walleye Lane signs; Administrator's report regarding cuts in shared revenue and road aids from the state. There was no **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board discussed and considered possible action regarding a presentation by the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Service to provide Emergency Medical Services to the Township of Merrimac. Rickey Shiller and Jason Demerath of the Sauk Prairie Ambulance provided a presentation of their services. The ambulance is staffed with paid and volunteer members. They have training opportunities above the state requirements. Because they have a certified trainer, they do not have to absorb the cost of training. They have 3 EMT-intermediate techs. They also transport to the hospital of choice. When a patient is unconscious, they are considered critical and brought to Sauk Prairie as it is closer to Madison. When they have a paramedic need, they do mutual aid with Baraboo to get paramedic service, usually prior to their arrival. They have 5 field units for rural EMT when a first responder is not available. Their average response time is 18-19 minutes. The project engineer believes 4 minutes will be saved after the Hwy. 78 project is completed. The per-capita cost with write-offs is \$6.59 vs. the nearly \$13 quoted by Baraboo. He noted they are eating the costs, which means we are paying for calls to other areas. The average transport call is \$712 vs. \$1,200-\$1,400 for Baraboo. Merrimac Fire Chief Chris Jensen reported they have worked with both departments and noted they are both professional. He said the IV-tech has worked out very well. He said Baraboo's paramedics for cardiac care is a service that Sauk does not have, but he added that rural cardiac patients are generally in trouble anyhow because of the distance and time to travel to location. He also said that the Sauk Prairie offers free training which saves the MFD money. Grant added he thinks the fiscal considerations should be weighed. Peetz moved to table the decision, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board discussed and considered possible action regarding a prepay contract from Hohl's Propane for \$1.299 gallon. Motion to accept by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board discussed and considered possible action cleanup at Richard A. Grant Park. He reported that there is an old home and a couple of small outbuildings on the property that need to be removed. Beich has been mowing around the monument stone and we had a lot of poison ivy that has been killed around the mowed area. The DNR does not have any plans to remove any structures on their lands. He is asking that the town allows him to look into the cost of removing the hazardous structures and possibly cutting in some recreational trails. He would like to ask that the town place on the agenda a referendum for a deposit law because of the trash he has picked up. A motion by Peetz to allow Grant to do start working on the property cleanup with assistance from Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Grant also clarified the DOT put the signs on Walleye Lane, not the DNR. The board discussed and considered possible action regarding the final annual audit

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report. The report came back without normal. Motion by Peetz to approve the audit, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board discussed and considered possible action regarding a Sauk County Town Acknowledgement Form for a filling and grading permit as it relates to a boathouse expansion for Don Jackson, S7622 Walleye Ln., Tax Parcel 026-0942-00000. McCumber reported the work being performed does not have any impact on town ordinance, however, the property owner does need a permit for the boathouse eventually. Motion by Peetz. Second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch to adjourn. Second Gaedke. Motion passed.

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Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, 493-2106; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (**please, no calls at residence except for emergencies**). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: townmerr@merr.com. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (tnadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.